

Children's Climate Declaration

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The climate crisis may be the most critical issue of our time. For us children, it is a battle for our future, for the planet we share, for the lives we live, for the children today, and for the children of tomorrow.

Our country is on the front line of climate change. Sea level rise, erosion, pollution and extreme weather jeopardize our survival, wellbeing and future. Unless we act now, we will reach the point of no return. The harm will be irreparable. The poor and vulnerable children will pay the highest price.

We represent children in all 300 constituencies in Bangladesh, and we are speaking up for the rights of 61 million children in our country.

We, the children, call for intergenerational solidarity and for action by our Government:

- **Protect children against the impacts of climate change.** Develop plans that secure health care, education and other essential services for communities impacted by climate change. We need climate resilient schools that can withstand rising sea levels, floods and storms.
- **Reduce pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.** Protect children and our planet from climate change. Safeguard the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, and the ecosystems we depend on.
- **Expand environment education and green skilling.** Teach children how to live in an environmentally friendly way and what we can do to reduce climate change. Equip young people with the professional skills required to reduce and adapt to climate change.
- **Invest in a green economy and green jobs.** Transition to a greener economy and support young people to access the employment opportunities this brings.
- **Let children be part of the solution. Listen to us.** Children must be consulted on policies and decisions that impact our future. We need support and solidarity from our leaders and other adults, we need to be given a say, and we need to be heard.

We, the children, call for intergenerational solidarity and for exemplary leadership by the Government of Bangladesh. There is no time to lose. Our futures are intertwined and our planet is shared. Together we can reimagine a new vision for a better, safer, greener Bangladesh.

We, the children, are ready to act with urgency and courage. Join us!